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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6191

BILL NUMBER: HB 1019

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 3, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 29, 2004

SUBJECT: Mechanical Bull Ride Simulators.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ayres

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill defines a mechanical bull ride simulator as a regulated amusement device. The bill requires the adoption of rules regulating safety standards for mechanical bull ride simulators.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) To operate a bull ride simulator, the owner of the bull ride simulator must register the bull ride simulator with the Office of the State Building Commissioner by July 1, 2004, and demonstrate compliance with all of the insurance requirements for regulated amusement devices. The Office of the State Building Commissioner may experience an increase in costs associated with registrations. However, permit fees must be set at a level to cover administrative expenses.

If the Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board determines that additional safety standards specific to bull ride simulators are needed, subject to the approval of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, the Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board must adopt rules to establish equipment laws containing these additional safety standards for bull ride simulators by July 1, 2005. This provision will increase administrative expenses for the Fire and Building Services Agency. The agency should be able to absorb any additional expenses given its current budget and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) A bull ride simulator may be operated without a valid regulated amusement device permit until July 1, 2005. Requiring operators of bull ride simulators to obtain a permit after this date will increase revenue generated by permit fees by an indeterminable amount. Fees range from \$100 to \$144. Fees would be deposited in the Fire and Building Services Fund and must be set at an amount that pays for the expenses of the program.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board, the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission and Agency, and the State Fire Marshal.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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